

This is in regard to the proposal to allow broadband Internet (or other network) service over power lines. I urge the Commission not to allow this proposal to go forward. Japan, for instance, seeing the interference that BPL will cause to radio services (including the Amateur Radio Service), has decided not to recommend its use.

As a ham interested in public service communication--among other things--I would hate to see my ability to provide those services severely limited by the higher noise floor that BPL could represent. For nearly 100 years, we in the Amateur service have provided public service communications, both during emergencies and in our day-to-day lives. I would like to continue to have this ability, and in these times where our country needs as much of our citizens' abilities and skills to provide for our country's security, it is imperative that the large group of volunteer communicators that make up the ham population be able to use our talents effectively. This, I'm afraid, cannot be done if we also have BPL making it more difficult--perhaps impossible--to communicate.